

## Message Text

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O R 241833Z FEB 77  
FM AMEMBASSY SAN SALVADOR  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 3466  
INFO AMEMBASSY GUATEMALA

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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: CASC, SHUM, PINS, ES (SURVIL, BERNARD ANTHONY)  
SUBJECT: ALLEGED MISTREATMENT OF US CITIZEN PRIEST

REF: SAN SALVADOR  
0803, 0858, STATE 39086

1. CONSOFF SAW NO EVIDENCE PHYSICAL MISTREATMENT OF SURVIL.  
AFTER HIS SECOND MEETING WITH DIRGEN OF IMMIGRATION (FEB  
15), SURVIL TOLD CONSOFF HE HAD BEEN ARRESTED THE PREVIOUS NIGHT  
BY THE GUARDIA NACIONAL AT OPICO AND HELD IN BARRACKS OVER-  
NIGHT BEFORE BEING TAKEN TO IMMIGRATION OFFICE. HIS PERSONAL  
BELONGINGS HAD BEEN TAKEN BY GUARDIA AND ALL WERE RETURNED TO  
HIM BY DIRGEN EXCEPT HIS WATCH AND A SMALL NOTEBOOK. DIRGEN  
STATED THAT NEITHER ITEM HAD BEEN TURNED OVER TO IMMIGRATION  
BY GUARDIA, BUT HE THOUGHT NOTEBOOK HAD BEEN KEPT BECAUSE IT  
CONTAINED NAMES OF PERSONS WHO MIGHT BE OF INTEREST TO GUARDIA.  
HE IMPLIED THAT WATCH PROBABLY STOLEN BY MEMBER OF GUARDIA  
POST AT OPICO, AND SURVIL DID NOT SEEM PARTICULARLY  
DISTURBED. CONSOFF DID NOT ACCOMPANY SURVIL TO GUATEMALAN BORDER  
AND THUS CANNOT COMMENT ON WHAT MAY HAVE OCCURRED DURING  
TRIP. SECOND-HAND REPORTS INDICATE SURVIL WAS ARRESTED AT  
GUNPOINT BUT THERE WAS NO INDICATION OF PHYSICAL MISTREATMENT.

2. DEPARTMENT REQUESTED PROVIDE DETAILS OF ALLEGED MISTREATMENT

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SO THAT EMBASSY MAY INVESTIGATE.  
3. AN AMERICAN PRIEST WHO HAS KNOWN SURVIL SINCE HIS ARRIVAL IN  
EL SALVADOR TOLD CONSOFF HE WAS NOT SURPRISED AT ACCUSATION  
BY GOES AGAINST SURVIL AND THAT HE THOUGHT SURVIL WOULD BE THE  
TYPE TO ENGAGE IN ACTIVITIES ON BORDERLINE OF WHAT GOES WOULD  
CONSIDER SUBVERSIVE AND TO IGNORE WARNINGS AGAINST SUCH  
ACTIVITIES. HE ALSO SAID HE THOUGHT SURVIL MIGHT DECIDE TO

ACCEPT EXPULSION AND USE IT AS BASIS FOR PUBLIC STATEMENTS  
AGAINST GOES, LOZANO

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